

REMARKS

New claims 37-51 have been introduced by this preliminary amendment to the above-referenced patent application to more particularly set forth the present invention. Claims 46-51 have been added to copy the independent claims from U.S. Patent No. 6,159,944 (the "944 patent") to Fogel, issued December 12, 2000, from U.S. Application Serial No. 09/031,858, filed Feb. 27, 1998.

The subject matter of new claims 46-51 corresponds exactly to the independent claims of the '944 patent thusly:

Claim	'944 claim
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Applicants note that 35 U.S.C. §135(b) requires a claim in an application of an issued patent be made prior to one year from the date the patent was granted. Support for the foregoing newly presented claims can be found in the specification and claims as filed.

Early action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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